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In re Application of:

TIMMERMAN ET AL.

Serial No. 09/423,572

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Examiner: Elizabeth M. Cole

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WITH BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS**

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months, through and including December 10, 2002, to respond to the Office Action mailed on June 10, 2002. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 10, 2002



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